

ENGLAND WANTS ASHANTI.

SHE SENDS AN ULTIMATUM TO THE KING OF COLOMBIA

He Has Till Oct. 31 to Decide Whether He Will Accept a Protectorate and a British Resident—Downing Street Officials Decline to Talk with His Ambassador—The Land League Intends to Gobble Up

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Great Britain has sent an ultimatum to the King of Ashanti, who is accused of violating his treaty obligations, demanding that he place Ashanti under British protection, with a resident Commissioner. The ultimatum will expire on Oct. 31.

Ashanti is the large territory lying behind the British Gold Coast near the Gulf of Guinea, a land from which some gold dust comes, and which is very rich in ivory. The British have the country in large shares with Dahomey, the reputation of being the abode of the greatest cruelty on earth. At Comassie, the capital, for all we know to the contrary, human sacrifices are still made, and the death of important persons scores of victims accompany them into the other world.

It is an undoubted fact, recorded in the most authoritative books on Africa, that the number

Asahani himself falls under 7,000. On one bloody day 10,000 victims were slaughtered by a corps of executioners as a fitting observance of the death of the King. When another sovereign is slain, the King of Asahani is obliged to appear. But the King of Asahani says he has his rights which the nations are bound to respect, even though so much blood has been spilled around the golden stool which he and his predecessors have occupied in lieu of a throne. For about six weeks past the King's Ambassador and his suite have been waiting in the Foreign Office in Downing Street, London. It has been closed in their faces. No official personage in England has admitted them to an audience; and the Ambassador has been counselled to resort to the newspapers to bring the matter to the attention of the public. The attention of the British public. The Ministry have paid no attention to him, and have refused to receive him. He has said that he will accept a protectorate or take the consequences.

The British side of the question? The English say that after the war of 1873-74 when British troops trounced the people of Asahani, the King and his nobles, and the most important chiefs fled away from their allegiance to the King, and never since have recognized the power of the King. The British Government asked to be taken under a British protectorate and to be ruled by a British official. But after their quarrel with the King by granting their request. The present King is now ruling on these islands, and the British Government is not only threatens their extermination but is keeping the neighboring Gold Coast, one of Eng-

The British add that when the present King Mswati was born, golden stool, seven years ago, they practically put him there, and that he promised to be a good young man and stop human sacrifices. He has kept his promise, and does not keep either of these promises. According to Gov. Maxwell of the gold coast colony, the country is being ruined to a frightful extent. So the prosperity of the Gold Coast requires that Ashanti be taken in charge by England, and a British resident established at Accra.

There is another reason for England's present longing for Ashanti which is being kept in the background. It is that the territory of Ashanti is larger than some European States, and whom the British Government would like to see sweeping down toward Ashanti, and devour it as he will gobble up the country. This has put Genl. Maxwell in a great state of mind, and

The Ambassador further says that the King of Ashanti will probably be necessary to the British, and that the Illego Hocks should be broken a single promise he has made to Englishmen; that he is not countenancing human sacrifices, and that he is not countenancing the slave trade. There is some reason for thinking that these latter statements should be taken with a large grain of salt.

The Ambassador further says that the King of Ashanti is not averse to the slave trade, and trade, but he wants to be left an independent ruler.

After having acquired Dahomey, the country of Ashanti with its 2,000,000 people has been the only independent nation left in the interior of Africa, and near the entire west coast of Africa. The British Government, therefore, has no responsibility, though another military expedition to Comacoe will probably be necessary.

under a sacrifice in Atlanta, the victims usually are killed by the same man, who is then honored with a great honor to die at the King's command. "I am not sure," says the King, "but I am sure," says the hapless wretch, as he is marched to his doom.

COUNT EMICH WILL BE TRIED.

He and a Woman Accused of Taking a Girl to London for Immoral Purposes.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Count Emich of Alsace-Lorraine-Westenburg, who, on Sept. 3, was arrested together with a woman named Olga Baerentzen, on a demand for extradition to Germany to answer a charge of abduction, and who, on Sept. 20, was discharged and reinstated in his position, has been formally committed for trial. It is charged that the count and the woman, who is a German girl named Lizzie Schneider from Germany for whom the count is said to be married, took from her what money she obtained.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Rumor Says He Is Very Sick, but the Vatican Denies It.

ROME, Oct. 17.—The Vatican positively denies the report of the Pope's illness. Dr. Lombini,

He body physician of his Holiness, made his first visit to the Pope on Oct. 12. His Holiness grants frequent audiences.

War on a Socialist Organ.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—The authorities of the Reichsland have prohibited the circulation in Alsace-Lorraine of the *Volksfreund*, a Socialist organ published in Offenburg, in the Grand Duchy of Baden. The reason is that Andreas

Russia and Bulgaria.
SOFIA, Oct. 17.—The *Subotda*, which was the personal organ of the late ex-Prime Minister Stambouloff, announces on authority that Russia's conditions for reconciliation with Bulgaria are the abdication of Prince Ferdinand in favor of his infant son, Boris; that the latter become a member of the Church of Russia, and that a Bulgarian be nominated as Minister of War of Bulgaria.

The Kaiser in the Reichsland.
BERLIN, Oct. 17.—The Emperor and Empress

The Revolt in Goa. The mutineers in Goa have refused to accept the amnesty offered to them by the Portuguese officials and have committed further acts of violence and spoliation. They have looted the treasures in the city of Goa and wrecked several buildings.

Shouted "Vive La France"

PARIS, Oct. 17.—*The Journal* publishes a despatch from Metz which says that an unknown man shouted "Vive La France" from the window of a café in Metz while the German Emperor and Empress were passing on Tuesday. The police endeavored to find the offender, and arrested several persons on suspicion.

Cholera in Egypt.
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, Oct. 17.—One new case of cholera was reported in Demietta yesterday. Here are now seventeen mild cases of the disease in the city. No deaths were reported yesterday or to-day.

Notes of Foreign Happenings.
It has been decided by the British Government to increase the fortifications in British India.

In Bogota, the capital of Colombia, measures are being taken to secure the recall of Mr. G. F. Jenner, the British Minister and Consul-General.

The *London Morning Post* publishes a despatch from Berlin saying it is reported that Dr. von Kries, the Imperial Health Officer, has resigned, but the rumor cannot be confirmed.

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